

**Electric Utilities Task Group
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Monday, February 24, 2014
10:30 a.m.**

Present: Everett Shorey, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn. Also Present were Bryan Wilson and Jeff Grybowski from Deepwater Wind, Frank Leslie, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Councilor Gary Ryan, Renee Meyer from the Block Island Times and Clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order by Ms. MacMullan at 10:30 p.m.

Public Input – none

Approve minutes of January 27, 2014

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey.
Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

Deepwater Update – Mr. Grybowski mentioned the CRMC hearing scheduled for later today. He also mentioned the hearing to be held in Narragansett on Thursday. He reported on the following:

- The ACOE has not scheduled a hearing yet.
- The expected date for installation of the cable and turbines is 2015-2016
- There will be lighting on top of the units as per FAA and lighting on the bottom as per Coast Guard
- Radar at the Block Island airport will be upgraded to Doppler
- Decommissioning is part of the CRMC's approval of design of the project.
- Tax credits

Discuss Energy Conservation Programs – See attached document. This will be forwarded to the Council

Discuss and Act on Net Metering Policy – Attached is Seth Handy's letter asking for support in efforts for revising BIPco's renewable energy policies. It was determined by the EUTG that the Town Council should negotiate with BIPco on the following items.

- Net metering should be allowed to commercial and public entities
- Seasonal tru-up for people with seasonal meters; yearly tru-up for year-round users, as determined by which rate they pay.
- Modify policy to derate PV nameplate capacity by 0.8 when calculating the overall cap of three (3) percent of peak load to more accurately reflect capacity of solar PV.

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Everett Shorey to recommend that the Town Council negotiate with BIPco to modify their net metering policy to

1. include all classes of customers
2. have an annual tru-up

This motion was withdrawn

A motion was made by Everett Shorey and seconded by Bill Penn to recommend to the Town Council that they negotiate with BIPco to modify the net metering policy to include:

- Net metering should be allowed to commercial and public entities
- Seasonal tru-up for people with seasonal meters; yearly tru-up for year-round users, as determined by which rate they pay.
- Modify policy to derate PV nameplate capacity by 0.8 when calculating the overall cap of three (3) percent of peak load to more accurately reflect capacity of solar PV

Ayes 3 (Shorey, MacMullan, Penn) Nays 0

Discuss potential future electricity issues that may require Town Expenditures – Discussed were:

- Consultant to rate responses to the Solar RFP – this was shelved.
- Potential of a rate case – this would involve Richard LaCapra, Kathy Merolla, and Allen Mandl. It was thought that this could top \$100,000.
- Purchase power agreement – Everett Shorey will call Richard LaCapra to find out what the cost of such analysis would be. These items will be forwarded to the Town Council by Ms. MacMullan.

Discuss issues that are likely to be raised in future rate case – the following were mentioned:

- Cost structure
- energy conservation programs
- rate design
- distribution upgrade
- BIPco becoming a distribution only company
- back up generation plans
- allocation of proceeds from sale of assets

These items will be kept as a running list to be update at each month's meeting. They will be forwarded to the Council in the form of a memo.

With no further business at 11:55 a motion was made by Mr. Shorey and seconded by Ms. MacMullan to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 3/24/2014

Bonny Ryan